

MSCA Doctoral Networks 2021

Horizon Europe

Evaluation Process and Key Points of Successful Proposals



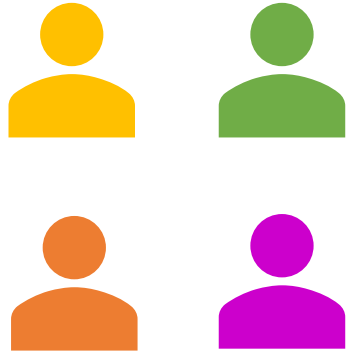
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Getting the Concept Right for the Call

- These doctoral programmes will respond to well-identified needs in various R&I areas
- Expose the researchers to the academic and non-academic sectors
- Offer training in research-related
- Offer transferable skills and competences relevant for innovation and long-term employability
 - leadership,
 - independency,
 - creativity,
 - communication,
 - entrepreneurship,
- Sinergy among partners

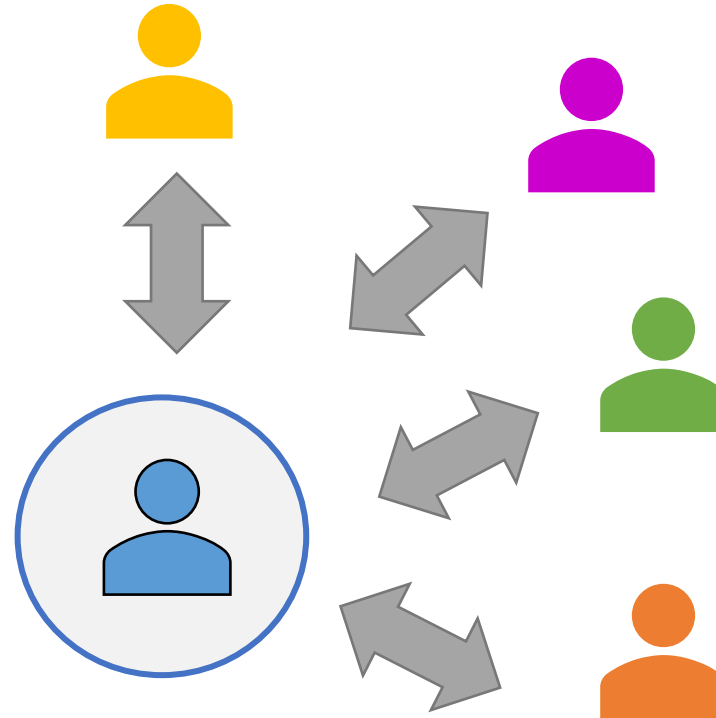
Remember !!!!
MSCA DN is a Research
Training Programme

The Evaluation – Step 1



Independent reports

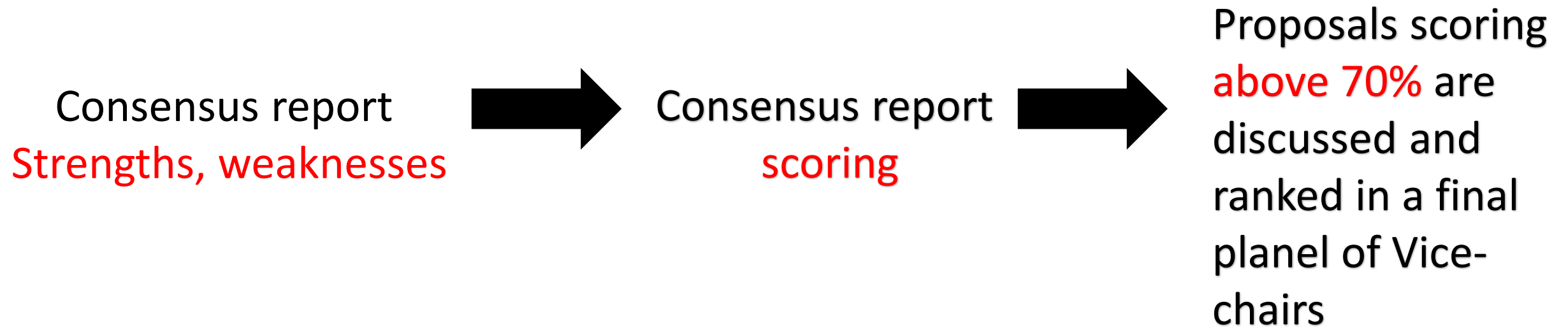
- Evaluators selected based on **keywords**
- **Be aware – Potential different profiles**
- Each expertise scores several proposals in a short time
- Easy reading and clear ideas help
- Not known each other



Vice-chair as Rapporteur

- Rapporteur elaborates the consensus report
- Evaluators meet each other for discussion (chat)

The Evaluation – Step 2



Evaluation Criteria

Excellence (50%)

- Quality and level of novelty
- Inter/multidisciplinary
- Quality and appropriateness of the training
- Quality of the supervision
- Quality of the integration in the team/institution

Impact (30%)

- Enhancing the future career prospects of the researcher after the fellowship
- Quality of exploitation and dissemination plan

Implementation (20%)

- Coherence and effectiveness of the work plan
- Allocation of tasks and resources
- Appropriateness of the management structure and procedures
- Risk management
- Appropriateness of the infrastructure of the institutional environment

To be considered for funding, the proposal must score above a certain **threshold** for each individual award criterion, and above an overall threshold for all of them together

Evaluation Criteria

- Successful proposals – high scoring **in all criteria**.
 - Frequent mistake – consider that the project (criteria 1) is the most important part of the proposal and criteria 2 and 3 are not so relevant.
 - Take care of the implementation and impact parts of the proposal.
 - **Essential** - good synergy among partners for giving good training.
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- **4 – very good**. The proposal addresses the criterion very well, but a small number of shortcomings are present.
 - **5 – Excellent**. The proposal successfully addresses all relevant aspects of the criterion shortcomings are minor.

Successful Proposals



Programme Vision – Key Points

- Show the **uniqueness** of your doctorate programme
- Identify how the consortium will deliver the overall research goal and main objectives through the network
- Future professional benefits of the graduate students
 - **employability**

Integrated Research and Training Strategy – Key Points

- Provide a credible and integrated strategy
- Clearly identify research tools and facilities, complementary training across the network – transferrable skills
- Implement convincing continuous progress monitoring
- Implement protocols for communication across the network

Management, Financial, Institutional – Key Points

- Identify the administrative units responsible for the fellows
- Financial plan, risks and contingency plans
- Clearly define the integration plan
- Intellectual properties plan